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Matt Hinkel Relieved Because Kilbane-Chaney Match Is at Last Assured.

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MATT HINKEL of Cleveland, Ohio, leaves a great sigh of relief as he assures us that at last the Kilbane-Chaney fight is an assured fact. Matt is a boxer of some repute. He is fifteen rounds in Matt's own club in Cleveland.

"I had a hard time getting these two boys together," writes Matt, "but it will be a championship bout, fifteen rounds to a decision. I am giving Kilbane \$10,000 guarantee and Chaney \$5,000. I am satisfied the bout will draw from \$10,000 to \$15,000, as there is much interest in it."

Johnny Kilbane has been as coy as any of our title holders. Before he was the featherweight champion from Abe Attell he was a corking fighter, in spite of his remarkable speed and cleverness in defense. He knocked out Joe Rivers, and that was something of a feat. But after becoming a champion he became so attached to the title that he wouldn't take a possible chance of losing it. He danced and tapped through bouts all over the country, making such a poor showing that he quickly lost the great popularity that he earned by beating the clever Attell. Once he fought a regular fight. That was in a six-round bout with Kid Williams, bantam champion, who thought he'd gather another title. Kilbane gave Williams such a beating that the muscular "kid" lost all ambition to shine as a featherweight.

Johnny Kilbane takes excellent care of his health and condition. He's an ideal athlete. He is married and thinks more of his family than of any other attraction. In fact, the attractions don't exist for him. He doesn't dissipate in any way and he's always perfectly fit.

Chaney is a sensational fighter, known as a knockout. Yet he has a lot of cleverness too, and is fast enough to give even Kilbane a run for the money and the title. That Chaney's manager, who is a man of respect for Kilbane's fighting ability was shown when he refused to match Chaney against the champion unless guaranteed \$10,000 for Chaney's end. If he had been sure that Chaney had at least a chance to win the title he would have been less anxious to fight. Chaney, as champion, could earn as much money as Kilbane and Freddy Welsh, both of whom have gathered a fair fortune in short no-decision bouts.

I HAVE a letter from William Samuels, an English soldier returning in England from wounds received at the front, and getting out the Command Gazette, which is a weekly journal for the soldiers.

"In regard to your inquiry of Jack Munroe I can only inform you of one fact at present," he writes, "and that is a sad one. He had to have his arm amputated some time ago. I would like to tell you of the great admiration the American flyweight, Johnny Rosner, earned when he boxed Jimmy Wilde at Liverpool, of which town I am a native. His pluck was marvelous, and he would probably be fighting still if his second hadn't asked the referee to stop the fight. I would like you to convey this to your readers, as it is only his just reward for his gallant display."

"Contenters" for the heavyweight championship seem to have a very comfortable habit of ignoring other "contenters" who stand a little bit closer to the throne.

When Frank Moran had beaten Coffey he went after a match with Willard, persistently ignoring the challenges of Jim Savage, who had stopped him once or seven rounds, and was likely to do it again. He got his match with Willard, too.

Now Charlie Weinert is after Willard, issuing challenges at short intervals, and saying that he would like to see whether he's a better man than that other challenger, Jack Dillon. And Jack Dillon ranks ahead of Weinert, for he has knocked Charlie out once and has once whipped him thoroughly in a ten-round bout without finishing him.

DILLON's small stature is his hard luck. While he's a better fighter than many of the big fellows, they are able to avoid fighting him by pleading that they "don't want to look ridiculous." The fact that no one of them would look ridiculous if he could whip Dillon doesn't figure in their alleged calculations. The danger of "looking ridiculous" is a very real danger. Little Dillon might whip them.

ANOTHER heavyweight who is dodged often because he might make his heavier opponents "look ridiculous" is Bat Levinsky. Bat is about the cleverest of them all, as a boxer. He is too fast to be hit, even by Dillon. When hurt he is remarkably skilful in avoiding a knockout. And he "makes them look ridiculous" no doubt about that. There's little nourishment in fighting a man you can't hit and who is everlastingly tapping you, even if he doesn't make a real knockout punch.

Kauff Rated One of Four Best Players Developed in Big Leagues in Five Years

Big League Pitcher, Who Requested His Name Not Be Used, for Obvious Reasons, Thinks New Outfielder of the Giants Is Far Better Than Is Generally Supposed, and Believes That Next Year He'll Prove His Real Worth—Robertson, Sieler and Hornsby Are the Other Stars.

By Bozeman Bulger.

A PITCHER who has been in the major leagues for thirteen years, who is still able to hold his own, and who declines the use of his name for reasons most obvious, declares that the four greatest ball-players of the last five years—new ones, I mean—are Davy Robertson, George Sieler, Benny Kauff and Hornsby.

Having seen this old bird pitch his first game, his last and most of those in between, his observations must be considered seriously.

"Benny Kauff is a much better ball-player than the fans of the National League appear to believe," he said, "and when I say that I don't mind telling you that I am prejudiced against him at the start. He is a corking ballplayer and he'll be better next year than this."

"Why not this time?" I asked.

"Simply because he's too anxious to make good. Next year he will settle down and pick out only the best that the pitchers have to offer. Already he is a great base runner and all he needs to hit as well as any of them is patience."

"The pitchers have got onto Kauff and every man in the league knows that all he's got to do is pitch bad balls to Benny and he will fail for them. He will hit at anything. He has short arms and is a hard swinger. For that reason we pitch them over his head, far to the outside and on the ground. He will swing at any of them. Occasionally he nails one, but he is lucky to be hitting over .278. Next year, when he settles down, he should pass the .300 mark without trouble."

"But as to L. Robertson?"

"Well, I'll tell you," said the old timer. "Davy Robertson is one of the greatest ballplayers that ever lived. He also swinks wildly, but, remember, Robertson has long arms and can reach back while Kauff can not touch. He is a vicious swinger and he gets hold of one of his 'good nites.' He also has the advantage of beating out fluke bouncers. Davy, you know, is the fastest man in the world going to first base. Cobb or anybody else is not in his class. The pitchers know just one thing about Robertson, and that is not to pitch to him inside. Get a ball on the inside of the plate and he'll murder it. Keep them high and outside and the pitcher has a chance. He is also a little uncertain on low ones outside. It is not easy to compare Robertson with any other player because his speed puts him in a class by himself."

"Ornery?" and the vet. "I consider the greatest find of the last five years. He can hit anything, but when a pitcher tries to feed him what he doesn't want he'll curl up and wait. Hornsby is a much better writer than either Kauff or Robertson. He is as cool as ice."

"I know that young fellow well and we often have a lot of fun out of him. He comes from Fort Worth, Tex., and has an accent that is a bird."

"You can certainly hit that old pitcher one of the boys said to him the other day after he had made four straight singles."

"I know," he said, "but I simply can't help it."

"And that's a pretty good tip-off on his ability as a wallpaper."

"Sieler is of immense value because he can play in any position, but he is not better in any one of those positions than either of the players I have mentioned. He has a great ad-

vantage over the other fellows at the bat because he has been in the league longer and is willing to wait. American League pitchers tell me that Sieler will never offer a bad ball. A pitcher must get the ball over and trust to luck. I regard Sieler as one of the greatest all-around players that ever broke into the big leagues."

While this veteran pitcher would not permit the use of his name in criticism of other players, it can be said that he has pitched regularly in the major leagues since 1903, has been in world's series, has played on two or three clubs, and, aside from Eddie Plank, is perhaps the only pitcher who has worked steadily for thirteen years.

He has seen them all come and go, and when he declares Kauff, Robertson, Hornsby and Sieler to be the best it is almost a good betting proposition. We will also give you one guess as to his name. Don't take two!

By dropping a game yesterday the Yanks sank into sixth place and caused quite a tugging at heartstrings.

News of Sports Told in Shorts

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 11.—One hundred and sixty-eight oarsmen from boat clubs in various parts of the country are on hand for the forty-fourth annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, which begins here to-day.

Kentry lists were completed to-day with the arrival of Detroit, Chicago, Toronto, St. Louis and Grand Rapids, Mich. oarsmen. Sportsmen here predict that the meet will prove to be one of the most successful ever held by the association, as weather conditions should be perfect according to indications.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, R. I., Aug. 11.—In a heavy downpour of rain the Meadow Brook third team defeated the Point Judith in the final match for the Junior polo championship of America. The score was 11 to 2, in a seven-minute game. Several riders were thrown from their ponies owing to the wet field.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Aug. 11.—Ploy Clymer of Greeley, Colo., made the best time in his motorcycle races at Pike's Peak when he covered the auto race course of 12½ miles, in an average of approximately 500 feet, in 11 minutes and 35 seconds.

Four New York natives departed for the West yesterday to compete in championship events at Chicago and St. Louis. Phil Bloom, Benny Leonard and Frankie Callahan, since coming here, announce that his bout with Lee Johnson, the colored crack, at the Harlem Sporting Club to-night, will be his last appearance in these parts. As soon as the battle is over he plans to go back home.

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There was never a club backed by more sincere rooting than the Yanks, and fans take their tumble as a personal bereavement. It was learned last night that Frank Baker will be back in the game the latter part of this week, and that might help, but unless the toogoo is soon checked the last hope will be gone. At that Bill Donovan's men are but six games away from the lead, and that is not an impossible chasm to bridge.

Rain having muzzed up the double header yesterday, another is staged for to-day, and it will begin at 1 o'clock so as to give the Cardinals a chance to catch a train for the West.

The Giants wind up their home stay to-day and make way for the Yanks, who start in to-morrow. Whether they lose or win to-day, McGraw's club will have established an enviable record. Already they have won eleven games and lost four. Even at that clip they have not gained on Brooklyn.

Nine of the prominent athletes on the Pacific Coast will be intrusted with the task of retaining the national championship in track and field, won last year at San Francisco by the Olympic Club of the Golden Gate city, when the titular sports are held at Newark on Sept. 5. On the Olympic Club team will be Fred Murray, who is eligible to compete for the Western organization because he has not as yet officially made his home in New York; J. Liversedge, W. Slamm, Oliver Willard, J. Kirksey, Francis Riegan, Fred Baker, J. Stout and Paul Wilson.

Columbia may adopt interclass football this fall, according to Harry A. Fisher, graduate manager of athletics, and there is a possibility that teams representing the graduate and professional schools of the university, departments which are barred from participation in the varsity game under the strict regulations governing the return of the gridiron sport, may come together for a series of clashes this season.

Fistic News John Pollock and Gossip

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Murray Checks Jap Invasion at Seabright

R. Lindsey Murray checked the Japanese invasion in the semi-final round of the Achilles Challenge Cup single yesterday on the turf of the Sea Bright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club at Sea Bright, N. J. The California meteor played himself to a state of exhaustion as he fought to a hair-raising finish against Ichihya Kumagae, the champion of the Orient, to win at 6-8, 6-4, 6-3.

George M. Church, the erstwhile Princeton Captain, in the other semi-final match, defeated Willis E. Davis, the national clay court winner, in straight sets at 6-4, 6-4.

In the semi-final round of the doubles William M. Johnston and Clarence J. Griffin, national titleholders, completely outplayed Eugene A. Warren and Edwin R. McCormick, the young California pair at 6-1, 7-5.

R. Norris Williams II and Watson M. Washburn were beaten in a match in which they played poorly by the veterans Karl L. Liversedge and Frederick B. Alexander. Williams and Washburn missed many chances at the net in the clutch and Alexander whipping the ball all around them.

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Willie Jones has been signed up for the following battles: Danny Burns, Hamilton, A. C. Brooklyn, Aug. 21; Willie of Providence at North Adams, Aug. 22; Joe Phillips at Marietta, Aug. 23, and Tommy Moore of Providence at Greenfield, Mass., on Labor Day.

Andy Corley has been matched by his manager, John Heiler, to box Terry Brooks over the fifteen-round route to a decision at Marietta, Mass., Aug. 21. At White House, Mass., on Aug. 15, Jimmy Corley, who was managed by him, will meet George O'Brien at Brookline at ten o'clock on Tuesday night.

Ray Rivers, the boxer from the Coast, who gave away many pounds to Young Heiler and was knocked out by him after having scored a knockout in one round over the latter in their previous engagement, will face Young Heiler of Jersey City at the Fairmont A. C. one week from to-morrow night and Artie McInerney at the Pioneer Sporting Club one week from Wednesday night.

Lawrence Lichtenstein, manager of Ad Wolf, is now the chief adviser of Paul Polito, the big heavyweight. Wolf and Mike Collins are also interested in Polito's management.

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McGraw Thinks He Has a Second "Matty" in George Smith

Manager McGraw of the Giants thinks he has a second "Matty" in George Smith, the Columbia pitcher, who made such a successful debut Wednesday. Here is what McGraw says:

"Those of you who remember 'Matty' of fifteen years ago undoubtedly will be impressed at the striking resemblance of Smith and the greatest of all pitchers. Then a youngster, tall, sinewy, strong and carrying no superfluous weight, 'Matty' was burning up the league with a fast ball and a drop curve. His point was as much an asset as his ability to throw the ball past the batters."

"The offener I look at Smith the greater trouble I have in convincing myself it is not 'Matty' of 1902. Built along similar lines and resembling 'Matty' greatly in features, Smith to me is the 'Matty' of this generation. His position on the mound, his delivery and his cool aloofness also remind me much of 'Matty.' Added to this, Smith delivers a fast ball with the free and easy motion of 'Matty,' and he has a drop ball that I am convinced can be made the equal of the famous 'Matty' fadeaway. Never before have I seen a young pitcher in whom I have so much confidence as I have in Smith. He has every natural advantage and is certain enough about himself to make a great pitcher."

"Smith has one delivery that 'Matty' never was able to master, and that is a slow ball. In his tryout against St. Louis Wednesday, Smith delivered this ball to Rogers Hornsby, the young batting star of the Cardinals, and Hornsby could do nothing but amazingly watch the ball float over the plate for a strike. If Smith possesses as much confidence as I think he does he will make a great pitcher and should be a big help to the Giants soon."

Defense Turns Betting Topsy Turvy at Saratoga

Although on Everybody's Tongue as Sure Winner Before Day's Racing Began, He Becomes Drug on Market Just Before Third Race, Yet Wins Like a Stake Performer.

By Vincent Treanor.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 11. DEFENSE, a Madden bred two-year-old, by Star Shot and Dike, turned things topsy turvy in the betting market at the race track yesterday. On everybody's tongue as a sure winner before the day's doings began, he went "cold" as an iceberg when speculation opened on his particular race, the third. Rumors galore were circulated about him. He was a lame horse, a counterfeiter, a lemon and what not. From 7 to 10 he became a drug on the market at 4 to 1 and even. He had been bought at a price said to be \$12,000, but his new trainer, Louis Fouquet, had little faith in him. "He may be a real good colt," said Fouquet, "but he hasn't shown me anything yet."

Those who had snapped up the opening price against the colt wildly scrambled to get off or to hedge on something else. The result of it all was that Jack Scott, an original 3 to 1 shot, was backed into the favorite's position long before post time. All the while John Madden, who had only recently sold the colt, was insisting that Defense would certainly win, but few took him seriously. To make the story short, Defense won like a stake performer, coming from behind on the way to the stretch turn and running out. He just breezed through the final eighth, while layers and players alike looked on almost apathetic. The race was simply another illustration of the uncertainty of the sport of kings, the one big factor which makes it attractive.

Francis Breckinridge Douglass is among the celebrities here. Formerly a well-known newspaper man of New York City, Douglass is now big game in Kentucky politics. He is slated for the speakership of the next Kentucky Legislature. Douglass looks good physically.

Tommy McGraw has quit racing riding for the present at least. He has had considerable trouble making weight recently and figured he was injuring himself in trying to do so.

Commissioner Frank Hague and several of his Jersey cronies were at the course yesterday, but Jimmy Norton wasn't on hand. Jimmy is kept busy at home, the Commissioner says.

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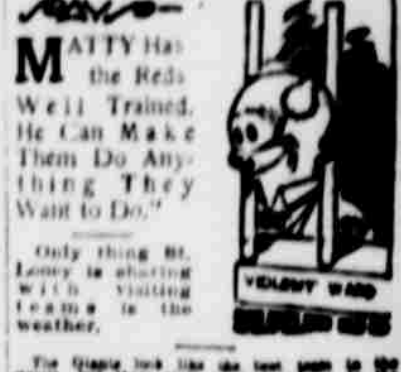
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PUTTING 'EM OVER With "Bugs" Beer

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The big mistake in Fred McKays fight career was in taking up a fight career.

Cleveland fans aren't longing for the good old days when a base on balls was a batting rally.

Weinert has about as much chance of knocking Willard horizontal as a Chinaman has of becoming President.

You can swing a loaded bucket to a circle without losing a drop of water. This is due to centrifugal force, which must be the same thing that is keeping the Athletics in the American League.

Even with a slow point that Japanese fighter only beat him once in a while.

Like Horer Rodel, the Reds are parrying most of the blows with their chin.

The winner of the Coffey-Moran fight will naturally have to meet Dillon, which situation is just as awkward as a left-handed cobbler.

If Ping Pong were back into the big league, the champion of the team ball would win in five minutes.

Only way Ban Johnson can stop criticism of the ump is to wait for winter.

Give the Athletics and Connie Mack credit. They even do the wrong thing right.

It wasn't Ty Cobb, but Cutshaw who got a two-bass hunt the other day, showing that baseball glory is almost as hard to come by as the supply of graphophone needles.

Coffey has no desire to meet Jack Dillon. There is no illness in Coffey's family now, and he doesn't want there to be any.

American oarsmen are now sheltering in the bars and the British are now sheltering in the bars.

Griffith hasn't given up hopes of a pennant. About the toughest baseball injury to heal is a sprained muscle under the hat.

Fighters are particular about the weight of the gloves their opponents wear in the ring, but you never hear of yelling for six-ounces purses.

Although the big car strike is over, so are many battles are waiting to occur.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

Stink—Since the Dodgers started, the wrong end of the Brooklyn bridge seems to be in New York.

Jabber—The purse will be fifty thousand. Willard will be assisted by Weinert.

Kink—Don't know why they call Artie Hoffman "Circus Solly." He never was a prizefighter to our knowledge.



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